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SUBJ: CHANGES IN RHODESIAN CABINET ANNOUNCED

1. RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH JANUARY 13 ANNOUNCED FOUR CABINET APPOINTMENTS RESULTING FROM RESIGNATION IN OCTOBER OF WICKUS DE KOCK AND NAMING OF FINANCE MINISTER JOHN WRATHALL AS PRESIDENT. WRATHALL IS SCHEDULED TO BE SWORN IN JANUARY 14 AS SECOND PRESIDENT OF RHODESIAN SINCE UNI. IN MOVE WHICH WAS GENERALLY EXPECTED, DAVID SMITH LEFT AGRICULTURE MINISTRY TO TAKE OVER FINANCE FROM WRATHALL, AND THUS ALSO BECOMES DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. AGRICULTURE PORTFOLIO NOW HELD BY G. ROLLO HAYMAN, WHO PREVIOUSLY WAS DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR. HAYMAN'S POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED BY WILFRED D. WALKER, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM BULAWAYO NORTH.

2. IN SOMEWHAT SURPRISING TRANSFER, FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE, LAW AND ORDER DESMOND LARDNER-BURKE WAS NAMED AS NEW MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. ACCORDING TO REPORTS APPEARING HERE IN AFRIKAANS PRESS, SALISBURY "SOURCES CLOSE TO COMMERCE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRY" ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW LARDNER-BURKE WILL HANDLE HIS NEW

JOB IN LIGHT OF HIS REPUTATION AS "A DICTATORIAL PERSONALITY."
MANY OBSERVERS HAD EXPECTED LARDNER-BURKE RETIRE FROM CABINET.
NO REPLACEMENT FOR THE JUSTICE, LAW AND ORDER POST WAS NAMED,
BUT A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE
MADE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY. PERSKOR CORRESPONDENT IN
SALISBURY SPECULATES THAT MAN NAMED WILL BE HILARY SQUIRES.

3. FORMER MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELLY BROOMBERG, ONE OF
THE AFRIKAANS-SPEAKING MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, WAS NAMED AS NEW
MINISTER OF INFORMATION, IMMIGRATION AND TOURISM. BROOMBERG WAS
CRITICIZED OFTEN FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
PORTFOLIO AND WAS NOT EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE CABINET.A NUMBER
OF OBSERVERS REPORTEDLY THOUGHT THAT THE POST WOULD GO TO TED
SUTTON-PRYCE, WHO REMAINS AS DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE.
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